MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to question (*a*).

*Purchase of Paddy.*

123. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation complaining against the high rates of paddy fixed by them according to acreage of lands which their owners or cultivators are required to sell to the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action, if any, taken by the Government to redress the complaint?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) Instructions have been issued to the Purchasing Officers to take into account the local conditions and the actual yield of the lands for the past two years or more and to revise, if necessary, the quota accordingly.

*Sale of paddy purchased.*

124 *MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the local committee members are permitted to sell their paddy without the sanction of Government authorities;

(*b*) whether some members of the Valiakuzhi pakuthi local committee have sold their paddy in the month of Dhanu 1118; and

(*c*) if so, whether it was with the permission of the Government authorities?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*a*) No;

(*b*) Government have no information;

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (b) this does not arise.

*Opening of a road in the Kanniakumari pakuthi.*

125 *MR. C. RAMASWAMY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the budget provision No. 113 in the final budget for 1118 (II Communication X Roads Part II—New Works) for the opening of a road from R. C. bridge across the major channel to meet 5/3 Anjugramom road *via* Pottakulam and Azhagappapuram village in the Kanniakumari pakuthi has been sanctioned by Government; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken to open the road?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for the work has been sanctioned and Land Acquisition proceedings are in progress but the work could not be taken up owing to the prohibitive cost of work at the tendered rates.

*Opening of a road passing through Osaravilai.*

126* MR. C. RAMASWAMY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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